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Admiralty Office 1st March 1798

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Sir

Having laid before My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter of the 23rd Inst^l, with the Memorial of Merchants trading Demerara, Essequibo and Berbice relative to the protecting the Trade to, and from those Colonies; I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you that they feel it impossible, consistently with a due attention to other Services to allot another Ship of War to the protection of the Outward bound West India Convoy, for the purpose of enabling the Commanding Officer to detach a Ship with the Trade to Demerara before he shall reach the Island of Barbadoes; but that their Lordships will send orders to the Commander in Chief on that Station

Rob^t. Long Esq^r, Chairman of the }
Committee of Merchants - Town }

Station to direct a Convoy to sail
with the Ships from Barbadoes for
Demerara as soon as possible after
their arrival at that Island, and
to afford every protection in his
power to that Settlement which the
Force under his command will
admit of, and that in order the
better to enable him to do so, they
have ordered an additional
Frigate to join him. - I am &c

C. N.

Whitehall 20th March 1798. 73 75

To Mr. Nepean.

Secret

My Dear Sir,

I think it right to inform you confidentially that by a letter I received yesterday from Mr. Cooke as well as from other Irish Intelligence there seems every reason to believe that the French (at least before the discovery of the late Plot) intended to have made a descent at in Ireland at the end of April or early in May.

This intelligence has been in some sort confirmed to me by a conversation with the American Captain

James of the Vice Admiral Court of Gibraltar, that he considered the Admission of such an Agency incompatible with the Rights and Privileges of the King's Garrison in that Port, and therefore to suspend the Proceedings in the said

William Wickham Esq.

Court

Captain Mumford, who has
carried over a Delegate lately from
Ireland, which Delegate with
some others we know are to
return in April. - Mumford
informs me that he was offered
a sum of Money from Charles
La Fois at the Hague, with
whom he has had several
interviews, on condition that
he should take some Persons
directly over from Rotterdam
to the North of Ireland without
touching in any English Port.
This information (which I
believe) seems worth attending
to

Gilbert
of our
right

to, as it is of the last importance
that these Persons should be
prevented from arriving at their
destination, and the detaining
any Neutral Ship that may
have that destination for these
next three or four Months, may
produce the effect desired.

I wish you would have the
goodness to inform me whether
it is better that this information
should be sent officially to
you or whether this private
communication be not safer
and as effectual.

W. W.

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Gibraltar, that he considered the Admission
of such an Agency incompatible with the
Rights and Privileges of the King's
Garrison in that Fortress, and therefore
to suspend the Proceedings in the said

A. M. Ship action at
Liverpool 15th April 1798.

Sir,

I request you will
inform their Lordships that after
getting cured of a severe wound
I received in my leg on board the
Resolute at Guadaloupe, on my
way to Portsmouth, to go on board
one of His Majesty's ships to join
admiral Blyth at Jamaica, with
whom I sailed some years as
master's mate, and flattered myself
I could have made myself
useful there, having been most part
of 17 Years in the West Indies, I was
impressed, and offered to deposit
50 Guineas in Captain Azule's bank
until I joined one of His Majesty's
ships, which he refused to do, until
he hear from the Board. As the

Tender

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Tender is here which will sail
shortly for Plymouth I request
their Lordships to permit me to go
by land to London that I may
use my Interest with my friend
the Earl of Hillsborough to
recommend me to a ship for
the West Indies, I have the
honor to be Sir Sir Sir

Wm. G. Waring

Edmund Peckham Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Acteon
Liverpool 10th April 1798.

Sir

I have received yours of the
7th Instant respecting William M.^r &
Maring, In answer to which, I beg
leave to inform you I donot think
any thing he set forth in that letter
to be true, except that about 50 Guinea,
he came aft some time back & asked
me if I would release him on his
procuring two men in his room
but I answered him I would not
for 20, without their Lordships
order, to whom he might apply -
since when he said he would leave
50 Guinea in my hand to let
him go on shore to look out
amongst his friends, but which
I refused, and as to his being
wounded, I see no mark of a
wound, but such as a man

might

might have by breaking his Staff
nor did I hear any thing about
that or his being on his way to
Plymouth to join any of His
Majesty's ships, when he was
pressed but a different story,
he was pressed at Chester by
Lieut. Levett a copy of whose
Letter that came with him, I
have the honor to transmit
herewith, he told me on his first
coming on board the action that
he came from Dublin and went
to Chester to get some money
due to him, and told so plausible
a tale that I granted him permission
to walk the Quarter Deck, but his
behaviour soon obliged me to
withdraw that Indulgence, and
from the dread he shows at being
sent round in the Tender, a cheap
way than going by Land if his

read

real Intentions were to join any
 of His Majesty's Ships, gives me
 a reason to conclude there is
 something more concerning him
 than we are able to fathom, and
 I am of opinion if he once got
 on shore he never would return
 to the service. I am &c

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Evantchean Esq.

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Chester, February 23. 1798.

Sir,

I have this day sent you
a pressed man, who for some time has
assumed the name and signature of
Lieut. Henry Waring of the Navy,
under which disguise, he has
contracted several debts he is unable
to pay, and has from several
Gentlemen here a very bad Character,
he was brought to me, and on
examining him, at first he
insisted on his being the said
Lieut. Henry Waring, which is on
the list, but on my closer exami-
ning him he afterwards said he
had been only acting lieutenant,
and finding him to alter much in
his account, but has been at
sea in several Ships, I thought
proper to impress him into His
Majesty's service, being examined

by

by the Surgeon and found fit for
His Majesty's service, I have
transmitted the account of the
above Henry Waring to the Admiral
as I have by me a Letter of his
writing to a Gentleman here
calling himself Lieut. Henry
Waring of the Navy.

I am Sir

Yours &c

John Levett.

Lieut.

Mr. Kepean presents his Compliments to
Mr. Wickham and sends him herewith a
Letter which he has received from Mr. Jeff
B. Connell at Bath.

Admiralty
24 April 1798 }

which accompanied my Letter to you
of the 5th Instant; I have their
Lordships Commands to desire you
will suggest to His Grace the propriety
of his causing the like enquiry to be

M^{rs} Wickham Esq^r

made

1798

Sir

Every true friend of his country can with some degree of Justice claim some degree of attention, when he has it in his power to communicate any useful information — and particularly in our critical times, the most apparently ^{trivial} matter will often lead to important objects.

I beg leave to recall myself to your recollection in consequence of Mr. Dundas wishing you to see me, soon after I effected my escape from France, about 4 years ago —

Altho' You are not now in the same sphere of action, as ^{at} that period, I flatter myself you will take in good part the motives of this, my communication —

which accompanied my Letter to you of the 6th Instant; I have their Lordships Commands to desire you will suggest to His Grace the propriety of his causing the like enquiry to be

Wm Wickham Esq,

made

I have the strongest reasons to suspect the
conduct of a considerable tradesman in the
Strand, who in 1792, & 93 was intimately
connected with the leading Jacobins in Paris,
& was one of the remarkable reputation who
dared to call themselves English Delegates, &
congratulated the convention on the progress of
their labours — he is not a little qualified
to give them all necessary information, as besides
a tolerable knowledge of French, he is likewise
conversant in the Portuguese & Spanish
languages.

he was at that period avowedly a member
of the L. Correspondent Society, & in my hearing
called himself at the door of the convention,
(when one of the ^{door} keepers said, that none but
members could come in at that door) A moi,
aussi, je suis Depute' Anglais.

Bath 22
N. B. Ch...

he appears in a very prosperous way, & it is not improbable that he is still very closely connected with these wretches — acting most probably as a Deputy Manager for the Tyrants of Paris.

if Sir, upon such outlines of a notorious Character, you are willing to think my information may be of some use, & inclined to think that it might lead farther, I shall consider myself bound to enter into a more particular explanation, as it might happen to be a link of a material chain at this alarming crisis.

if any of his Majesty's ministers to whom you wish to communicate this letter, desires to know my principles, I can have from some of the leading members of the Government of Ireland, undoubted vouchers to ascertain the same.

I have the honor to be
Bath 22. April Sir
N^o 4 Church St. Abbey Green.

Your most Obedt^h
J. J. O'Connell Esq.

which accompanied my Letter to you of the 6th Instant; I have their Lordships Commands to desire you will suggest to His Grace the propriety of his causing the like enquiry to be

Admiralty Office, 8th May 1798.

Sir,

I am commanded by my
Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
to send you herewith, the copy of a
Letter which I have received from
Captain Douglas, who Superintends
the Prison Ships in the River Medway,
together with a Song Book which
had been found in the possession of two
Men on board His Majesty's Ship
Egmont; and I am to desire you
will be pleased to lay the same before
the Duke of Portland for his informa-
tion, acquainting His Grace that the
two Men mentioned by Captain
Douglas will be detained on board
the

William Wickham Esq.

the Zealand till further Order.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble servant

Evan Nepean